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EXCHANGE COSTS BASSANO LARGE SUM OF MONEY

Discount of Canadian Dollar Means
Loss of \$700 on Debenture Pay-
able in United States Funds

The high rate of exchange between Canada and the United States currency is costing the town of Bassano nearly \$700. Debentures payable in United States funds amount to \$3,000. The present rate of exchange is 75 cents to the dollar. It will take approximately an additional sum of some \$300 or more to make these payments.

The town council is at the present time the town council is endeavoring to keep the exchange rate from rising so it cannot be avoided. The council wrote to the Board of Public Utilities Commission asking their advice on the matter. The utilities commissioners advised that the same should be listed as an emergency item, chargeable to the contingent fund.

HOSPITAL NEWS

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hood, of Bassano, on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at the Bassano Hospital. The baby, a boy, 10 days old, is the son of Rosemary, is a patient in the Bassano Hospital. He had a cold at birth and has since been off his mother's Christmas Day. He is coming along well.

Bennie Loney, of Cassala, is a patient in the hospital here. She is making satisfactory progress after an operation for appendicitis last Saturday.

W. L. MEETING

The regular meeting of the Bassano Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Corbett on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 3:00 o'clock.

COUNTIES NEWS

COUNTIES, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Barton spent Christmas at Lethbridge with Mrs. Ross, then went to Calgary for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McLeahon were at their guests' Christmas time.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cowan and small daughter, Mrs. Craig is a brother of Mr. McLeahon.

Mr. and son Clifford left last week for southern Alberta, where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hartman family at their home in Lethbridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burrows and son spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. McLeahon.

Mr. M. Ferguson and daughter Marlene were at the Parrott home in Lethbridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burrows spent a few days in Calgary last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch and Mr. and Mrs. Cowan of Mapleleaf, Jake Armstrong, Mr. Jensen and son and Mr. and Mrs. Cowan spent a Merry Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. Cowan.

A son from Countess went to Galt for the Christmas program at the school, where they spent a most enjoyable time.

Royal Burrows lost one of his best work horses on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Anderson spent their Christmas at Lethbridge with Mr. and Mrs. McLeahon.

In regard to going to Gem next week, where he is going to do some work for T. Atkins.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Siua, Marie, Robert and Paul Chamberlain, were guests at the Gamble home for Christmas.

CURLING NOTES

Curling has resumed after the Christmas holidays. The winter temperatures accompanied by a fall of snow, making fine curling weather. The following games have been run off:

Newby 13 vs. Pierson; Keith 9 vs. McLeahon; Gem 10 vs. Stiles; Young 11 vs. Scott 10.

Keith's victory over McDonald was the first刷冰 game he has won, breaking a string of six losses.

CURLERS DEFEND MACDONALD CUP

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This was the third Macdonald cup刷冰 for Bassano, the first being won over Strathmore which gave Bassano possession of the cup and the Gem rink the silver trophy.

The rinks playing in the Gem rink were: Mr. and Mrs. G. C. House, D. Macdonald skip, W. Jeffers, A. Reid, R. C. House, Rev. G. C. House, John Boyd, J. Black, W. Palmer, Bassano, E. P. Currie skip, Gem, W. McLaws skip, Dr. W. F. Keith, A. Simpson, A. P. Pierson.

Bassano Masons Install Officers

Installation of the new officers of Bassano Lodge No. 55 A. F. & A. M. took place Monday evening, Dec. 28, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Johnson, with Rev. G. C. House as Master of Ceremonies assisted by Mr. McLean, Jas. Johnston, and W. J. Redmond.

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HABITS

The habits of life are important because they depend so much of the happiness and success of life. Unless the child learns early in life to eat well, to sleep well, to play well, and to get along well with them, he will when he grows up, meet with difficulties due to his inability to mix with other people in his social and business life.

If we are to achieve success in our business, we must have both our daily task more than anything else we need to form good habits in eating, sleeping, working, the result of the building up, in childhood, of habits in promptness and finding pleasure in work done.

Children acquire habits very readily, good or bad. The baby soon demands that mother continue to do what she has done already, if she has once started to do it.

It used to be thought that a baby should be allowed to cry itself to sleep after it had been rocked to sleep for a few times, it cried when he was hungry, and when he was well. We know now that it is far better for the baby to be placed in his bed and left quiet and alone to go to sleep.

There is a habit which both persists and dangerous, and it persists. We refer to the habit of the comfort or pacifier.

It is a habit for a child to have something in his mouth all

the time. The fact that he cries for it does not good for him. He does not simply because he has been given it.

Not only is the comfort not necessary, but it is actually harmful. True the baby stops crying when he gets it, but he continues to want it because he wants it and not because the comfort satisfies him. As a matter of fact he continues to want it.

Tell any smoker why he takes it. Ask any smoker why he will tell you that doing so gives him a comfortable feeling, and so he does.

Continued use of the comfort alters the arch of the mouth. Baby's bones are soft and yielding, and when the pressure of the comfort is maintained with gorms which are carried into the baby's mouth with the comfort, the teeth are affected.

There is one place the comfort should never be, and that is in the hand, mouth.

Questions concerning health, addressed to the Canadian Medical Association, 184 College Street, Toronto, were answered by letter.

Continued use of the comfort is particularly aware of them, and the less said about them the better.

But though the past year has been unkind, there has been depicted in the news media little cause for regret at its passing. It was a hard year for the world, a particularly hard one for this part of Alberta. To enumerate the many afflictions of the year would bring a ship it would be hard to bear.

Only those who have themselves experienced the trials and the suffering, only those who have felt the need of a friend can appreciate the true value of friendship; only those who have felt the pinch of poverty can realize the position of the poor who live in the penitentiaries, and with a wife and children depending on him for support.

The rich man makes a splash when he gives a few thousand dollars to charity, but where one rich man gives nothing, the loss of others gives nothing. It is the nickels and dimes of the clerk, office girl, day laborer, and scrub woman that keep thousands from starving. It is the rich man, too, who, in Mr. Ferguson's case, that thousands of working men get food for their hungry stomachs and old articles of clothing to keep their bodies warm.

During the past year we have been taught to a remarkable degree of these things. The finer instincts of human nature have been brought out, and though, feeling the pinch of hard times ourselves, we have willingly stretched forth a hand to help the fellow.

The new year is almost upon us.

What it has in store we do not know, but its coming finds us in a more cheerful mood. There is a faint ray of hope that the depression is past, the business upturn, that the prices of farm commodities, on which our western land depends so much, are due for a substantial rise, and that next year we will be out on the quintaine and on the road to prosperity.

Whether 1932 brings us success or further reverses, the trials of 1931 have the better prepared us to meet them.

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Roads and Revenues

Canada's investment in highways is said to total \$600,000,000 covering roads, earthworks at all stages in length. It seems like a lot of money, but this is discounted when it is realized that the total tourist traffic from 1924-1929 alone is said to have brought \$1,600,000,000 to the Canadian economy. The provincial treasurer is authority for the statement that motor tourist trade represents 40 per cent dividend annually on Ontario's total investment in highways. The figure is based on the amount more readily in view of official statements from the Canadian section of the International Road Federation. The Society states that revenue from motor vehicles in Canada, including taxes, amounted to \$1,000,000,000 tax, totalled \$41,076,406 in 1930, an increase of \$1,745,104 or 4.3 per cent over 1929.

New Device Banishes Carbon

Engineers have discovered that gasoline left by the carburetor gels and this is the cause of engine carbon troubles, so annoying to drivers. The gasoline deposit acts as a binder, the gum deposit as a solvent. From this information Kneebone was enabled to identify the cause of the trouble and to invent a device which has been developed which dissolves the gum deposit and keeps the engine free to keep carbon free.

The Injector Attached to the Carburetor

Coke has been tested successfully in England as a fuel for automobile engines. Coke is made when the fluid is drawn into the cylinders, and out the valve stems. Piston and cylinder walls are cleaned when the fluid is removed from the valves. Gum free is also a valve stem and piston rings. Removal of the gum free from the valves and piston stick, piston rings draw away, carbon loosens and blows away; the engine runs cooler and fuel power.

"Junk" Assembled, Runs

It is reported that the letters received by large automobile companies, but rarely is a request re-

cured for information and data regarding the complete building of a car. Yet such a letter was received by the manufacturers of Oldsmobiles and they quickly supplied the desired information. This particular letter was from Ed. G. Thompson, 114 Third Street, Marysville, California. It stated that the writer had come across a letter of mine in the Los Angeles newspaper, which upon closer examination gave evidence of once being issued by Oldsmobiles. The writer put together the facts in putting the role together. Many Old photographs were sorted. Finally from this mass the desired information was obtained and forwarded to California. The data explained how the one-cylinder, seven-horsepower engine was put together and brought them to recognizable condition. Then he started to assemble them and found that he had to wait until the car actually ran, and it had travelled thousands of miles before the engine would run.

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LOW WINTER EXCURSION FARES

Eastern Canada
Central States
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Pacific Coast

You may stay three months on every return ticket to Eastern Canada and Central States, and five months on Old Country tickets purchased between Dec. 1st and Jan. 5th. Pacific Coast tickets on sale certain dates during Dec., Jan., and Feb. are good for return until April 15th, 1932.

Any Canadian Pacific Agent will gladly give full information, or write.

G. D. BROPHY, District Passenger Agent, CALGARY, ALTA.



CANADIAN PACIFIC

Local Newslets

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Keith and baby spent Christmas in Calgary.

L. M. Whitehorn spent the Christmas holidays at his home in Edmonton, Alberta.

Mr. and Mrs. Atcheson, of Medicine Hat, spent Christmas in Bassano with their daughter, Mrs. E. P. Currie.

Miss Violet King came home from Calgary for the Christmas holiday.

J. Whitham of Calgary, was a guest at the Rev. J. King home Christmas weekend.

Halley Giese, who is attending British Columbia University, is spending the Christmas and New Years' week in Bassano with his mother, Mrs. J. F. Boyce.

Miss E. McArthur spent Christmas with relatives at Innisfail.

School will open Monday, January 4th, 1932.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Beck, Edwin, a baby, and Bobby, motored over from Lethbridge last Sunday for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Ford. They returned home Tuesday.

Major Culbertson, Ralph Marquardt, and Ival Warrens were in Calgary last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor McPherson and sons, of Calgary, spent Christmas in Bassano with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sambrook.

Allan Yale, who is working out of Calgary with the government road survey, was home for Christmas. He will return home shortly when the work is finished for the winter.

Miss Sally Root is spending the Christmas holidays in Calgary.

Miss Irene Johnston was visiting in Calgary last weekend.

Jack Summerbell and Art Plante spent Christmas in the Hunting district.

Miss Queenie Bramley, who is a student at Garbutt's Business College, is home for the Christmas vacation.

Bassano stores will be closed New Year's Day, Friday, January 1, and will open on Saturday.

Mr. E. P. Currie and Bobbie were busy with relatives in Medicine Hat this week.

Fulton and Miss Phyllis Moorehead spent last week-end at Bowden Hill, going down Christmas night.

A number of the younger set of Bassano enjoyed the dance at Crowfoot school house, Christmas night. There were also a few who took in the show at Cluny Monday evening of this week.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

In the Estate of BLANCHE HEDDIE late of Lethbridge, deceased, married woman, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the Estate of the above named Blanche Heddie, who died on the 14th day of October, 1931, are directed to file with the undersigned by the 18th day of February, A. D. 1932, a full statement duly certifying their claims and/or any securities held by them, and that after date the Administrator will pay over to the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, which notice has been filed or which have been brought to his knowledge.

Given this 18th day of December, A. D. 1931.

Walter K. Webb,
Solicitor for the Administrator,
Bassano, Alberta.
24-26-p.

WANTED—Ambitious, reliable man wanted immediately, handle "Watson Products" in the central provinces. Excellent opportunity, steady employment, rapid advancement. J. R. Watson Company, Department H. A. 2, Winnipeg, Man.

WANTED—to buy about 20 head range cattle, well bred, this cow and calf. Apply at the Bassano Mail Office.

24-26-pd.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson and child visited friends in Gleichen Christmas weekend.

Ralph Marquardt, Jake Butman and Artie Simpson went to Gleichen Tuesday night, of this week, to play hockey for the Gunners. They also play in Strathmore the previous Saturday with the same team.

Perry Johnson took in the hockey game at Strathmore Saturday evening, taking the three Bassano players up by car.

Mr. S. Leonard went to Medicine Hat, Wednesday afternoon, taking his young grand-niece, Robert Lindsay, home to his parents.

U. S. WINTER WHEAT ACREAGE ESTIMATE

The United States Government crop report, issued December 16, gives an estimate of winter wheat sown in 1931-32 at 14,700,000 acres, up 43,149,000 acres last year. Private estimators, among whom are Cromwell Bell, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, estimate 14,000,000 acres under the government's estimate.

LAKE PORT GRAIN HANDLINGS

A total of 146,000,000 bushels of grain were handled at the Great Lakes during the 1931 season of navigation. Of this total 78,370,000 bushels were handled by the United States ports 67,945,510 bushels.

ESTIMATE OF WHEAT IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

Season 1931-32

Broomhall 78,000,000 bushels.

International 82,000,000 bushels.

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SIGHT UNSEEN

by
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ELEVENTH INSTALLMENT

She began. Horace Johnson (who tells the story), his wife, old Mrs. Dene, Herbert Robinson and his wife, and friends and neighbors, are in the habit of holding weekly meetings. At one of these the program by unexpectedly arranges a spiritualistic seance with a medium, trying to prove that she is not a professional, as the medium.

At the first sitting, the medium tells the details of a murder as it is occurring. Later that night Sperry comes to the house. Mr. and Mrs. Wells have been shot mysteriously.

At a second seance, Miss Jeremy arrives at the house, where Charles Ellington was known to have been at the same time that Sperry spoke of him. She also speaks of a pocketbook being lost which contained some important papers. She is very interested along the women, seems thrilled by the investigation.

Jessie, who has come to do some detective work and uncover the fact that somebody with great knowledge had been in touch with some letters, Hawkins the burglar is suspected as well as Ellington, a friend of Mrs. Wells of knowing the murderer.

"The investigation has reached its final stages," Jessie said.

"Now Go On With The Story."

Miss Jeremy thought not. If the circle remained unbroken, and Mrs.

"Bring me my stick from the hall," Horace said and "And tell Clara to open the door and let me in."

I went to the room and found a stick in the rack outside and brought it in. The lights were still on in the chandelier over-head and as I gave the stick to Mrs. Wells, I heard Sperry speaking sharply behind me.

"In the hall," he said. "I never saw it before," said Mrs. Dene. "Perhaps it is Herbert's."

But I caught Sperry's eye. It was Arthur Wells' stick, the one which Sperry had taken from his room, and which, in turn, had been taken from Clara Ellington's.

Sperry was watching me with a nervous expression. I had seen me now some days now. You had not hit me again, had you?"

"You're an absent minded bazaar," Horace, he said.

"I never had time to go home, stop here on your way back from my place the other night, did you?"

"No, but I didn't bring that thing."

"Look here, Horace," he said, "you seem to be in a bind in aid see me some day soon. You won't hit me again, will you?"

I confess to a sort of helpless indignation at the way he spoke from the composure the occasion required. But the others, I believe, were fully aware of the situation and had operated to bring the stick into Mrs. Dene's house, a belief that Sperry had no time for anything that might occur.

A number of things occurred, however, before we were out.

Then, suddenly a bell that Sperry had placed on the stand beyond the

door curtain commenced to ring. Quite without warning, immediately after, my chair twisted under me.

Finally, Mrs. Dene rapped on the door and called out, "Come in, we told her to switch on the lights."

Miss Jeremy had dropped in her seat and was breathing hard.

When I got up Sperry reached for the door handle and brought me in, reaching into a piece of his coat's pocket where he had placed there.

The door closed. Miss Jeremy was jammed into the mass.

"Now," Herbert said, addressing himself to the door handle.

"What are you doing now?"

"There was a pause. "Of course do," A. L. Wells.

"To get you to come to most of us, by his Christian name, but the initials were correct."

"Now," he said, "what is it?"

"On letters," was the laconic answer.

"Then," Lettlers, letters, who has the right to know?"

"Do you know whose came this?"

"Yes."

Up to that time the replies had come easily. But before beginning with the game question, the medium was in difficulties.

She wriggled uneasily, and spoke hurriedly.

The room was dark and growing.

Foreign subjects were introduced, as now.

"How do you know that?"

"This created a profound somnation."

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"He carried it off the seashore. He wrote in the sand with it."

"Ten o'clock."

"Ten o'clock?"

"The water washed it away!"

"Yes."

"His wife certainly bullion," said the voice. "He's afraid of her. And the fire-tongs—the fire-tongs."

"Whose case is this?" Herbert repeated.

"Ellington's."

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Sperry said with a smile.

Herbert eyed her with some exasperation.

"We are here to make a serious investigation," he said. "If the members of the club will keep their affairs to themselves, we may get somewhere."

"Now," he continued, "regarding to what you say, the revolver is beside him. Did he kill himself?"

"He attacked her when he found the letters."

"And she shot him?"

"Very hard."

"She doesn't know, but she must reply, she must tell him. I don't know. She says she did."

"She says she killed him?"

"But there was no reply although Herbert repeated it to this,

ever time.

Instead, the voice of the "control" began to recite a verse of poetry:

"A cheap, sentimental bit of trash."

"I am reading under the circumstances."

"Do you know where the letters are?"

"Hawkins was them."

"They were not hidden in the cupboard?"

"No. The cupboard had not have searched the room."

"Where were the letters?"

"They were not given direct reply to this?"

"He found them when he was looking for his razorstop. They were in the top of a closed box. His razorstop was in the bottom of the box. I took it off. It was terrible."

There was a profound silence, followed by a long silence.

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In this final chapter of the mystery, the events of the day following the third sitting, I give the solution arrived at by the North American Club from the medium, Miss Jeremy, now Sperry's wife.

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